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FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

DR.MICHAEL BRIAN has been appointed Chairman of the Department of English. His mandate is effective January 1, 1978 to May 31, 1980.

DR. H. FAMIRA has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics. His mandate is effective February 15, 1978 to May 31, 1980.

DR. A. KAWCZAK has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Philosophy. His mandate is effective February 21, 1978 to May 31, 1980.

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DR. CHRISTINE ALLEN (Associate Professor - Department of Philosophy)

- published the following papers:

  i) "Who was Rebecca", Beyond Androcentrism (New Essays on Women and Religion), Editor Rita M. Gross, Missoula: Montana, Scholar's Press, 1977.

  ii) "A Contemporary Approach to Sex Identity", Philosophy of Woman (Classical to Current Concepts), editor, Mary Mahowald, Indianapolis, Hackett Publishing Company, Inc. 1978.

- presented a paper entitled

  iii) "Christ our Mother as Julian of Norwich", at the American Academy of Religion, Annual Conference, in San Francisco, December 28-31, 1977.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CLARK BLAISE (Department of English)

- gave readings at the University of British Columbia, Capilano College, Simon Fraser University, and University of Victoria, Malaspino College,between January 21-28.

DR. D. BROWN (Associate Professor - Department of Classics)

- his book on Demosthenes is the subject of a review in the latest number of Phoenix, the journal of the Classical Association of Canada.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ANTONIO COSTANZO (Department of Modern Languages & Ling.)

- i) has been reelected President of the Quebec Association of Teachers of Italian at the Association's semi-annual meeting held on December 10, 1977, on the Loyola Campus of Concordia University.

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ii) was one of the Canadian delegates to the Congress on the Present Situation and Future Perspectives of Italian Emigration to North America. Organized by CENSIS (Centro Studi Investimenti Sociali) of Rome, the Congress brought together representatives from government, political parties, business and labour from Italy, Canada and the United States to discuss the problems related to Italian emigration to North America. The Congress was held in New York, December 13-16, 1977, and he participated in a panel discussion on "Multiculturalism". His participation at the Congress was sponsored by the Italian Government.

PROFESSOR J. G. DICK (Department of Chemistry)

- published a paper entitled "The Calculation of Mylar Film Absorption Correction Coefficients in X-Ray Spectrochemical Analysis of Aqueous Samples", (with R. DiFruscia and C.C.Wan), in X-Ray Spectrometry, Vol. 6, No. 4, 1977.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR M. EUVRARD (Département d'études françaises)

- i) has been elected a member of the executive of "Association québécoise de la critique de cinéma".

  ii) published interviews of film makers Theo Angelopoulos (Greece), Emil de Antonio (USA), Urinal Sen (India) and Bertrand Tavernier (France), in Cinéma Québec.

DR. CHRISTOPHER B. GRAY (Associate Professor - Department of Philosophy)

- participated in a panel presentation with G. Marshall (Jurisprudence, Oxford) and S. McCall (Legal Philosophy, McGill) on the topic of "Rights and Discrimination in the French Language Charter", Monday, November 14, 1977, at McGill University School of Law.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR P. L'HERAULT (Department of French)

- defended with great distinction his doctoral thesis Le pays et l'imaginaire dans l'oeuvre de Jacques Ferron , at McGill University on October 13, 1977.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR RONALD MACKAY (TESL CENTRE)

- i) gave, jointly with Maryse Bosquet, conseiller pédagogique, La Commission des écoles catholiques de Verdun, an in-service seminar on "Classroom Testing, Teaching aids and Simulations" to British exchange teachers in Quebec, on behalf of the Quebec Ministry for Inter-Governmental Affairs, in Chicoutimi, February 9, 10, 1978.

  ii) was invited, with Dr. Joe Palmer, Director, TESL Centre, to organize the "Applied Linguistics Special Interest Group" at the TESOL Convention in Mexico City, April 1978. The topic will be "English for Specific Purposes: Dimensions Principles and Practice".

  iii) has published, with co-author Alan Mountford, a book entitled English for Specific Purposes: A case study approach, Longman, 1978.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR J. MOORE (Department of Political Science)

- i) published an article entitled "Hume's Political Science and the Classical Republican Tradition", in the Canadian Journal of Political Science, Vol. X, No. 4, December, 1977.

  ii) was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Political and Social Theory.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR G.S. NEWSHAM (TESL Centre)

- i) successfully defended her doctoral dissertation for the Université de Montréal. Her thesis was on the contrastive text features of the paragraph in French and English.

  presented the following papers:

  ii) a paper that dealt with the testing of written language in the ESL classroom to a seminar for the Canadian Council of Ministers of Education at Cap Rouge, Quebec, on October 4, 1977.

  ii) a paper on teaching composition to advanced learners of English at the Eleventh Annual Conference on English as a Second Language, held in Toronto in October 1977.

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DR. MICHAEL D. OPPENHEIM (Assistant Professor - Department of Religion)

- i) published a paper entitled "Taking Time Seriously: An Inquiry into the Methods of Communication of Søren Kierkegaard and Franz Rosenzweig", in Studies in Religion/ Sciences Religieuses, Vol. 7, No. 1, 1977-1978.

  ii) presented a paper entitled "Emil Fackenheim's Theological Development: Towards an Appreciation of History", at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion held in San Francisco, California, December 28-31, 1977.

DR. J.D. PALMER (Director, TESL Centre)

- i) served on the Interim Membership Committee of the American Association of Applied Linguists and helped conduct the election of officers at the founding meeting in conjunction with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Convention in San Francisco.

  ii) presented a paper entitled "Linguistics in Media Res" at the Fourth Forum of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States at McGill University. The paper is published in the Fourth LACUS Forum 1977.

DR. R.M. PHILMUS (Associate Professor - Department of English)

- i) is associate editor of (as well as contributor to) H.G. Wells and Modern Science Fiction, ed. Darko Suvin, published by Bucknell and the Associated University Presses, 1977.

  ii) presented a paper on "Todorov's Theory of the Fantastic" at the Conference on the State of Paraliterary Studies held at McGill, Sept. 30-October 2, 1977.

  iii) chaired a Special Seminar on "Science Fiction and Detective Fiction" at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association, held in Chicago, December 27-30, 1977.

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DR. R.C. SHARMA (Associate Professor - Department of Physics)

- published a paper entitled "On the Nuclear Mass Parameter in Asymmetric Fission", in Canadian Journal of Physics, vol. 55, No. 22, December 1977.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR BRIAN SMITH (TESL Centre)

- i) presented a paper entitled "Foreign Language Instruction in the PRC" at the TESL Association of Ontario's Eleventh Annual Conference on English as a Second Language, held in Toronto, in October 1977.

  ii) was invited by the Ministry of Education to join the Provincial "Comité consultatif pour l'anglais, langue seconde, au primaire" established to consider changes to the ESL programme at the elementary grade level.

  iii) was invited by Ste-Croix School Board to join the sub-committees for ESL set up to examine and recommend changes to existing ESL programmes at Grade 5 and 6 levels and make recommendations regarding programme content for ESL instruction at lower grade levels.

DR. G. TAGGART (Professor - Département d'études françaises)

- i) was an editor of "L'enseignement des langues: pour qui? pour quoi? / Language teaching: for whom? for what purpose? Actes du septième colloque de linguistique appliquée de l'Association Canadienne de Linguistique appliquée, Québec: centre international de recherches sur le bilinguisme, Publication B 62, 1977, p. 118.

  ii) presented a paper entitled "La forme et le rôle de l'image dans l'enseignement des langues", at the first Congrès franco-québécois des gens d'images, Université du Québec, October 1977 (to be published in the Proceedings of the Convention).

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KATHERINE WATERS (Department of English)

- presented a paper entitled "Isabella Valancy Crawford's 'Malcolm's Kati'", at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association of America in Chicago, December 1977.

DR. PAUL WIDDEN (Associate Professor - Department of Biology)

- i) presented a paper at the invitation of the 2nd International Mycological Congress, Tampa, August 1977, entitled "Patterns of Phenology among Fungal Populations".

  ii) published a paper entitled "Microbiology and decomposition on Truelove Lowland", in the book Truelove Lowland, Devon Island Canada: A high Arctic Ecosystem. The book, edited by L.C. Bliss was published by the University of Alberta Press in December 1977.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

The following professors have been granted Canada Council Leave Fellowships:

Dr. D. Gold - Department of Psychology
Prof. A.N. Klein - Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Dr. L. Mendelsohn - Department of English
Dr. P. Morley - Department of English
Dr. W.C. Reimer - Department of Sociology
Dr. E. Ronquist - Department of English
Dr. B. Slack - Department of Geography

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Dr. W. Sellers and Professor Alex Wright of the Department of Bio-Physical Education have been granted a $42,000 grant by le Haut-commissariat à la jeunesse, aux sports et aux loisirs in order to promote Kino-Québec (un module de services dans le secteur de la condition physique).

The next Vice-Rector's Bulletin will be published May 1, 1978. Deadline for submissions is April 25, 1978. Please send all submissions to the following address:

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to the Vice-Rector, Academic,
Bishop Court, Room 326-A.